

## ABSTRACT

### Communications Network

A communication system includes a packet-switched network and a circuit-  
5 switched network. Gateways on the circuit-switched network adapt packet traffic  
for transmission on the circuit-switched network. The end-point of the switched  
virtual circuit is chosen by transmitting polling messages from the gateways to the  
destination address of the packet and selecting a gateway depending on the delay  
in the response to the respective polling message.

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